



**County Administrative Office**  
**Governmental & Legislative Affairs**

**Josh Candelaria**  
Director

March 13, 2017

The Honorable Tony Thurmond  
Chair, Labor and Employment Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 199 (Chu) – as introduced January 23, 2017 – OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember Thurmond:

The County of San Bernardino regrettably must oppose AB 199, legislation that would eliminate the residential exemption from prevailing wage rates on residential projects that have any agreement with a state or political subdivision.

As you are aware, California is facing a monumental housing crisis. The state's long trend of under-producing housing units has led us to a staggering 2 million home backlog. A recent report by the McKinsey Global Institute estimates that the state will need an additional 3.5 million housing units by 2025 to close the gap and to accommodate future need. The crisis in supply goes hand-in-hand with a crisis in affordability. AB 199 has the potential to add cost pressure to the state's housing crisis rather than improve it and price out a significant amount of our residents from the housing market.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino respectfully opposes AB 199 and requests a "No" vote when it comes before your committee. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Lovingood".

Robert Lovingood  
First District Supervisor  
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

c: Honorable Members and Consultants, Assembly Labor and Employment Committee  
Honorable Kansen Chu  
County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation

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